GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
ERADICATION OF DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deaths caused recently by the Viral Fever/Encephalitis (Japanese fever) and Malaria in certain district of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the team from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi and the Institute of Virology, Pune, have taken samples from the affected States;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) whether the Government have deputed a team of doctors and experts from RML and Safdarjung Hospitals to visit Andhra Pradesh to give a report on the viral disease;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from the States for medical or financial assistance to tackle the diseases; and

(h) if so, the steps taken/being taken for their eradication?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR 30.7.2003

A number of deaths have been caused in certain districts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and other parts of the country due to Viral Encephalitis and Dengue fever. District wise deaths due to Viral Encephalitis and Dengue fever as reported by State Health Authorities is given at Annexure. A total of 211 deaths due to malaria have also been reported in 2003 from different parts of the country.

Teams from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), New Delhi and from the National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune have visited the outbreak affected areas. Laboratory reports from NICD and NIV indicate that the outbreaks in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are viral encephalitis and the outbreak in Kerala is Dengue fever. The Government of India had also deputed a team of 10 Pediatricians from Dr.R.M.L.Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, Delhi, to visit Andhra Pradesh Their findings indicate that the clinical picture was compatible with viral encephalitis.

While control of outbreaks is the responsibility of the respective State Governments, Government of India has provided technical support by sending expert teams to the affected states. Support has also been provided for laboratory confirmation for diagnosis of the outbreaks. In addition to the insecticides and larvicides already provided under the National Anti Malaria Programme, arrangements have been made for additional supply of Malathion (Technical) for fogging and larvicides for use in affected areas of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. Rs.20 lakhs have been provided to Kerala through the Regional Director of Health and Family Welfare for IEC activities.

An amount of Rs.83.60 lakhs has been released to the State Malaria Control Society, Andhra Pradesh, under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank support during this year.

ANNEXURE-I

DISTRICT-WISE DEATHS DUE TO VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS, DENGUE AND MALARIA

Sl.No	DISTT.	2003#

Andhra Pradesh	Deaths Due to Viral Encephalitis	Deaths Due to Dengue	Deaths Due to Malaria
1 Adilabad	6		
2 Anantpur	1		
3 Hyderabad		1	
4 Karimnagar	48		
5 Khamam	2		
6 Krishna	3		
7 MahboobNagar	14		
8 Medak	6		
9 Nalgonda	8		
10 Nellore	5		
11 Nizamabad	10		
12 Rangareddy	2		
13 Warangal	44		1
Total	149	1	1

Assam			
1 Sonitpur	9		
2 Nagaon	9		
3 Lakhimpur	3		
4 Karbi-Anglong			4
5 Hailakandi	4		
6 Golaghat	2		
7 Dhemaji	4		
8 Darrang	1		
9 Cachar	1		
10 Dhubri	1		
11 Dibrugarh	11		
12 Sibsagar	5		
Total	17		37

Maharashtra			
1 Amravati	3		
2 Bhandara	14		1
3 Chandrapur	16		
4 Gadchiroli	7		
5 Gondia	1		1
6 Greater Mumbai			2
7 Hingoli	5		
8 Nagpur	20		
9 Nanded	9		
10 Parbhani	1		
11 Ratnagiri			1
12 Thane	1		
13 Wardha	7		
14 Washim		2	
15 Yeotmal	4		
Total	87	2	6

Kerala			
1 Alappuzha		3	
2 Ernakulam		2	1
3 Kannur		4	
4 Kollam		7	
5 Kottayam		4	
6 Kozhikode		4	

7 Malapuram 6
8 Palakkad 4
9 Pathanamthitta 2
10 Thiruvananthapuram 14

Total 50 1

Rajasthan

1 Jaipur 1

Karnataka

1 Bangalore(R) 1

Others States 166

Grand Total 253 55 211

Reported as on 24.07.2003